


## The coming of age of CorSalud: science, dedication, and legacy

### CorSalud en su mayoría de edad: ciencia, dedicación y legado

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There are also other kinds of children that life brings our way, those born from work, research, and creative or constructive endeavors.<sup>4</sup> As such, people often consider as their children the products of their labor: medicines, vaccines, houses, megastructures, scientific projects, communication initiatives, books, journals, news reports, programs, artistic works, discoveries, even patients, and more.

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The journal CorSalud, whose first issue was published in 2009, has now reached its 16th birthday. If we view it as a project conceived by someone, there is no hesitation in saying that its father is Francisco L. Moreno Martínez, MD.

Moreno has been its editor-in-chief throughout all these years, guiding his child along the right path until its coming of age. CorSalud has gained a strong position in important databases, has been recognized for the quality of its published scientific articles, for the transparency of its editorial process, the excellence of its national and international reviewer team, its bilingual publication format, and the ease of communication with the entire

team, especially with the editor-in-chief. In its best moments, it has stood out for its respectable bibliometric indicators.<sup>5</sup>

It was officially launched in May 2009, a date remembered as one of the most significant scientific achievements of Hospital Provincial Universitario Cardiocentro Ernesto Guevara, of which it is the official journal. By 2010, it had already gained international visibility and an ISSN code. In 2011, its first website was introduced, and in 2015 the definitive platform was launched with its integration into OJS (Open Journal System). Being included in Scielo marked an important milestone, as well as a major challenge, which happened in 2017.<sup>5</sup>

The journal's progress immediately reflected the seriousness of its editorial work, whose quality sparked growing interest in the medical community to publish in it. Thus, it reached its first decade in 2019.<sup>6</sup> Then, the world was hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, and CorSalud felt its effects: editors and reviewers had to work directly with patients, exposing themselves to the virus; some team members were isolated, and the working staff was reduced.<sup>7</sup> Later, existing migratory and economic issues also took their toll. Nevertheless, the work continues, and the objective is to honor the trust placed in us by the authors. Although this is a team effort, led by Moreno, MD; he has borne the greatest burden of editorial work, on top of his responsibilities as an outstanding specialist. Without fear of being wrong, as I said at the beginning of this text, surely this father feels joy for the achievements of this now-adult child (CorSalud), into whom he poured his noble and talented effort, evident from the beginning.<sup>8</sup>

As the father of CorSalud, his commitment is now even greater. He is now responsible for advising the new team, serving as founding editor, a role created in his honor.

As a child, CorSalud will continue its process of evolution, with ups and downs, like all transformations, but with the privilege of having a loving and exemplary father, accompanied by its new mentors who hope, one day, to learn a bit under Moreno's guidance.

As the new working team, it is our duty to honor his work because, as Martí once said: "To honor is to be honored."<sup>9</sup> Ensuring the continuity and further development of this work, as well as consolidating it in the years ahead, is the best way to show the respect you deserve. Now of age, CorSalud must move toward greater visibility and positioning through collaborative effort.

To honor, recognize, and most of all, express gratitude to the founding editor for his legacy is a duty and a guiding principle for the continuity of CorSalud, because when a father is honored, life is prolonged.<sup>10</sup>

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